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1. [redacted] each company kept on hand in the weapons room two 70 cartridge drums of ammunition for each submachine gun and two 30 bullet ammunition bags for each carbine. This ammunition was always kept available in case of an alarm. Normally, troops kept no ammunition except for target practice. Border guards were issued one 70 cartridge drum for each submachine gun and two 30 bullet bags for each carbine. All weapons were in good condition. [redacted]
2. Our clothing issue was as follows:
 - (a) 1 overcoat every two years
 - (b) 1 pair of boots each year
 - (c) 2 shirts every six months
 - (d) 1 pair of trousers every six months
 - (e) 1 pair of winter leg wrappings each winter
 - (f) 1 pair of summer leg wrappings each summer

A soldier owns only one pair of boots. When they were in need of repair, I had to wear an old pair, also in need of repair, until the others were mended. I had two shirts and two pairs of trousers. I used one pair of trousers and one shirt for daily wear and the other set was worn on Sundays and holidays. After a period of six months we were permitted to exchange the set which we had worn daily for a new set. We then wore the former holiday shirt and trousers every day and the new issue was kept for Sundays and holidays. Soviet soldiers were also issued a belt, ammunition bag, entrenching tool, a glass or aluminum canteen, a combat pack, towel, soap, toothbrush, tooth paste, mess kit, cooking utensil, a canvas shelter and a gas mask. We received fresh laundry every ten days.

3. There seemed to be no fuel shortage for vehicles in the Hq Platoon of the 117th Guards Rifle Regiment. About two thirds of the vehicles assigned to this unit were stored on blocks in the garages. The only vehicles which were used operationally were those used daily for hauling food and supplies and transporting officers and

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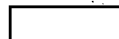
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troops. The combat vehicles (prime movers, SU-76s, personnel carriers, etc.) were in storage but were checked weekly by their assigned drivers and once a month by a technical lieutenant. I believe that in the event of an alarm all vehicles could be put into operation in a very short time.

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